



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
551ST SIGNAL BATTALION, 15TH SIGNAL BRIGADE
FORT GORDON, GEORGIA 30905

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZH-TBB

26 October 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR All 551st Signal Battalion Personnel

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum No. 12 – Withholding of UCMJ Authority

1. References:

- a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 11 February 2009
- b. AR 27-10, Military Justice, 16 November 2005
- c. USASC&FG Regulation 27-1, Military Justice, 9 February 2009

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to identify those serious offenses that I, or my personal delegate, will decide or administrate. It is essential that these offenses be addressed at the battalion level or higher because of their impact on our military and civilian communities. Effective upon receipt of this memorandum, the authority to undertake administrative action or exercise UCMJ jurisdiction over the following offenses is withheld from Company Commanders and is specifically reserved to me or my personal delegate.

- a. Absent without leave (AWOL) over 10 days or subsequent absences without leave.
- b. Driving under the influence (DUI).
- c. Drug paraphernalia, drug abuse, possession and use offenses.
- d. Any misconduct involving Soldiers in the grade of E5 and E6.

This authority is subject to the reservation of authority established by FG Reg 27-1 and all other directives issued by appropriate convening authorities.

3. Commanders shall consider the entire range of disciplinary tools available to them before resorting to UCMJ. Subordinate Commanders may refer applicable cases to my level when the offenses fall within the restrictions of paragraph 2, or when additional command emphasis is desired.

4. Commanders will ensure that Soldiers understand the consequences that may result from these actions, and that conduct of this nature will not be tolerated.

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5. This order applies to all U.S. Army personnel under the jurisdiction of the 551st Signal Battalion. Commanders seeking exceptions to this order will submit a request in writing to the Commander, 551st Signal Battalion. Failure to adhere to the provisions of this order will not confer any benefit on any individual accused of an offense.

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//
CHARLES W. SCHRADER
LTC, SC
Commanding